

Shevardnadze: No plans to visit Israel

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Friday he had no plans to accept an open invitation to visit Israel from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. The conditions are not yet ripe for such a visit, Shevardnadze told a Moscow news conference after two days of discussions with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in which the Middle East was a major topic. "The prime minister and the foreign minister of Israel know perfectly well what conditions are necessary for such a visit to take place," Shevardnadze declared. On April 15, an Israeli spokesman told reporters in Tel Aviv that Shamir would invite Shevardnadze if he were sure the Soviet foreign minister would accept the invitation. Shevardnadze did not spell out his conditions, but Moscow has said it would restore relations with Israel on the opening day of a Middle East peace conference attended by the Israeli government. There have been strong reports in Arab countries that Shevardnadze might be preparing a visit to the area, excluding Israel. But he told a news conference in Geneva last week he had no immediate plans.

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Rifai, senior officials offer condolences

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and senior officials, including Parliament speakers and members, and Cabinet ministers, Royal Court chief, the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, former ministers and heads of Arab and foreign diplomatic missions in Amman Thursday visited the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) office and offered condolences over the death of PLO deputy military commander Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad), who was assassinated in Tunis Saturday. The prime minister earlier returned from a visit to Saudi Arabia where he delivered a message from His Majesty King Hussein on Jordanian-Saudi relations and current Arab affairs to King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz.

Iraqi minister rejects Iranian idea

DUBAI (R) — A senior Iraqi official, in remarks published Friday, dismissed an Iranian proposal for setting up working teams to negotiate an end to the Gulf war. But First Deputy Foreign Minister Wisam Al Zahawi told Al Bayan newspaper that Iraq was willing to sit down directly with the Iranians under United Nations auspices. "Let them first accept (U.N.) Resolution 598 before we consider such teams and start negotiations," he said.

Kuwait complains to U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Kuwait has complained to the United Nations that Iraq fired a Scud missile into Kuwait territory Wednesday. "Kuwait reserves the right to take appropriate measures in the face of this attack and holds Iraq accountable for the legal and material consequences resulting from it," Kuwait Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah said in a letter to Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Cairo boycotts Israeli reception

CAIRO (AP) — Israeli embassy officials in Cairo expressed disappointment over a record low turnout at an annual reception given Thursday for Israel's 40th anniversary, Israel Radio said. It said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak did not send a representative and no Egyptian ministers attended the event. In Nico-sia, President George Vassiliou said Friday he boycotted an Israeli reception out of sympathy with the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "It has been government policy for the president to attend all...receptions by local embassies. The only exception I've made was in the case of Israel, to protest this kind of situation," Vassiliou said at a news conference.

'No leadership conflict in Kremlin'

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Friday there was no leadership conflict in Moscow and denied reports of a clash between Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev and his number two Yegor Ligachev. "As a member of the leadership, I can say there are no differences between General Secretary Gorbachev and Ligachev," the minister, who has a seat in the communist party's ruling politburo, told a news conference. "There are no conflicts," he added.

Turkish-Soviet border to open to traffic

ISTANBUL (R) — NATO-member Turkey and the Soviet Union plan to open their border to traffic within a month, a senior Turkish official said Friday. Ertan Yulek, under-secretary at the Ministry of Communications, told reporters on his return to Ankara from Moscow that a passenger ferry link would also start across the Black Sea. The SARP border leading to Soviet Georgia has been closed since 1937. When reopened, it will be the first land crossing between the Soviet Union and a NATO country.

Palestinians begin '8 days of anger' to protest Abu Jihad assassination

Israelis storm Haram Al Sharif

Israeli jets bomb camp near Beirut

NAAMEH, Lebanon (Agencies) — Israeli jets raided a Palestinian camp southeast of Beirut Friday and wounded four people, two of them children, Lebanese security sources quoted by news agencies said.

They said four jets launched three raids on bases of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC).

"The Israeli enemy will bear all the responsibility of its acts and we will take revenge for our people in coming days," said PFLP-GC official Abu Adnan.

"Those who killed tens of our people in the occupied territories are continuing their crimes by hitting civilian targets in Lebanon," he said.

In Tel Aviv, a military spokeswoman said Israeli planes had hit Palestinian targets north of Sidon.

Police said eight fighter-bombers took part in the 10-minute air attack.

The police said the stricken targets stretch along a five-kilometre strip from the coastal town of Damour.

Abu Jihad was given an emotional burial near Damascus Wednesday.

Although Arafat did not attend the funeral of his deputy, the occasion smoothed the way for reconciliation talks after Algerian mediation and secret Syrian-PLO contacts.

Za'anoun said Arafat would visit Syria very soon for a meeting with President Hafez Al Assad.

PLO political department chief Farouk Kaddoumi told reporters Thursday that "there are no obstacles" for Arafat to meet Assad.

There was no official Syrian announcement on the restoration of ties.

But Information Minister Mohammad Salaman indicated to foreign reporters Thursday that Syria would not press its demands on two major issues: PLO relations with Egypt and the PLO military presence in Lebanon.

Salaman said: "We are now looking for joint stands to confront Israel at this time when leaders of the Palestinian resistance are in Damascus."

He added that the Palestinian presence in Lebanon was aimed against Israel and not directed at Lebanon's internal affairs.

"The Palestinian organisations in Lebanon could not be considered as illegal," he said.

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli police stormed Jerusalem's Haram Al Sharif complex and clashed with worshippers Friday, while Palestinians battled soldiers in the occupied Gaza Strip. One Palestinian was reported killed and 21 people injured.

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Jordan: Israel should not go unpunished for killing Abu Jihad

Soviets accuse Israel of state terrorism

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — The Soviet Union accused Israel Friday of state terrorism in the assassination of Palestinian Liberation Organisation's (PLO) deputy military commander Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad).

"It is but another example of Israel's cynical contempt for world public opinion," Soviet Ambassador Alexander Belongov told the Security Council.

The council is meeting at the request of Tunisia, which wants Israel condemned for the assassination of Abu Jihad at his home in Tunis.

Tunisian officials and Israeli sources say Israeli government agents gunned down Abu Jihad Saturday. Officially, Israel has neither confirmed nor denied the allegations.

In a carefully worded statement issued Thursday by the Israeli mission to the United Nations, the Zionist state denied that it had admitted the attack.

Most of the PLO Executive Committee and members of the Fateh Central Committee were at a meeting with Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam Thursday night.

Palestinian sources said Arafat did not attend the Damascus gathering after he failed to obtain guarantees that he would meet Assad. Instead he went to see Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, with whom he has also been at odds since 1983.

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Moscow and Washington — was now out of reach, he said: "It does get more difficult as time goes on."

"But nevertheless I think it's important to maintain a strong level of effort and we will continue to do that."

Shultz said he and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze would meet again before the summit. No time or date had yet been fixed but the logistics would be worked out in the next few days.

The U.S. secretary of state said there was little progress on other regional issues discussed, notably the Iran-Iraq war and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He said Moscow believed the April 18 U.S.-Iranian clash in the Gulf had complicated prospects for a United Nations arms embargo on Iran which Washington is trying to persuade Soviets to approve.

U.S. officials said the Soviet Union appeared unwilling to anger Iran because of Tehran's possible influence on the Afghanistan settlement.

On the Middle East, Shultz said the superpowers still differed on the scope of an international conference. Moscow wants this

Friday prayers focus on Palestinian uprising

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein joined worshippers at the Prince Hassan Mosque for Friday prayers that focused on the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza and the importance of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Secretary-General Ahmad Hilayel delivered the sermons referring to the steadfastness of the Palestinian people in the face of Israel's oppressive measures. Hilayel noted that the King extends support and aid to the families of Palestinian martyrs, prisoners and students in the occupied territories within the framework of the King's firm stand in support of the Palestinian cause and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Hilayel also reviewed the merits of Ramadan. A special prayer was also held for the Palestinian martyrs. Attending the prayers with the King were Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and senior officials.

The King hosted an iftar banquet at the Al Hussein Youth City Thursday.

It was attended by royal family members, Rifai, Royal Court

'Superpower cooperation prerequisite for peace'



HRH Crown Prince Hassan

TOKYO (Agencies) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said Friday Jordan welcomes effective cooperation between the two superpowers to solve international and regional issues and considers such cooperation as a precondition and prerequisite for peace in the Middle East.

Addressing the Journalists Club in Tokyo, Prince Hassan said the extraordinary Arab summit held in Amman in 1987 marked a turning point in the history of inter-Arab relations.

"During the past 14 years that have elapsed since my first visit to Japan there has been increasing rapport between our two countries and Jordan has benefited



His Majesty King Hussein, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and other senior officials pray at the Prince Hassan Mosque Friday (Petra photo)

officials, Cabinet members, the speakers and members of the Upper and Lower House of Parliament, former prime ministers, the chief Islamic justice, Muslim scholars, presidents of Jordanian universities, heads of trade unions and diplomatic missions in Amman.

from Japan's economic and technological support," the Crown Prince said.

"Despite our insistence and continuous efforts to achieve peace, the situation in our region continues to be a source of increasing concern for the whole world because of the conflicts, wars and unrest that prevails everywhere in our region from Afghanistan to Palestine," he said.

Prince Hassan noted that migration of labour from Jordan and the Eastern Mediterranean to the Arab Peninsula and the Gulf region had created an unprecedented example of integration between human and financial re-

Crown Prince congratulates Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan sent a cable of congratulations to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein congratulating him for Iraq's liberation of the Fao peninsula. The Crown Prince also sent a cable of congratulations to the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah congratulating him on the safe release of the hostages aboard a hijacked Kuwaiti airliner.

Prince Hassan praised the steadfastness of the Kuwaiti people and their firm and courageous stand.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai was quoted Thursday as paying tribute to the Iraqi armed forces for liberating Fao.

Rifai told the Iraqi News Agency (INA) that the Iraqi victory was served an honour to the Arab military institution. "The victory of the Iraqi armed forces at the Fao," he said, "was a victory for Jordan and the Arab Nation at large."

Rifai paid tribute to the Iraqi people and their armed forces for their success and lauded Iraq's call on Iran to stop the conflict.

The 29 Kuwaitis among them hostages from a hijacked Kuwaiti airliner returned to their homes and families early Friday to celebrate the end of 15 days of captivity under threat of death.

"Welcome home superdad," said a sign in the home of Subhi Naim Youssef, the Iraqi pilot of the hijacked Kuwait Airways Boeing 747, who embraced his wife and four children for the first time since the ordeal ended Wednesday.

Friends and neighbours gathered in the street outside where they slaughtered a sheep in a traditional homecoming celebration.

The hijackers released their remaining 31 hostages — who suffered the longest captivity on a plane in the history of hijacking — in Algiers Wednesday.

Kanaks kill, seize French troops in New Caledonia

NOUMEA (Agencies) — Kanak separatists in French-ruled New Caledonia staged a bloody gun and machete attack on French gendarmes Friday, killing four of them, injuring five and taking more than 20 hostages.

In Paris, right-wing Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, a candidate in a presidential election Sunday, convened a crisis meeting of his cabinet that lasted more than three hours.

Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, standing for a new term, called for "an explanation" of the situation from Chirac, who has rushed 3,000 troops to the Pacific territory ahead of the presidential and regional election.

Police said four paramilitary gendarmes were hacked and shot to death when around 30 hooded Kanaks, wielding axes, machetes and guns, stormed an army en-

campment in the small lagoon-ringed island of Ouvéa, 140 kilometres from the capital, Noumea.

Eyewitnesses told Reuters that after a bloody clash and exchange of shots the indigenous Kanaks overpowered the gendarmes, some of them reinforcements sent from France ahead of the weekend vote which is being boycotted by the separatists.

The Kanaks then ordered a group of between 20 to 26 gendarmes to undress, put on their uniforms and drove the soldiers in commandeered military vehicles to a remote underground cave where they are holding them hostage.

Defence Ministry officials said 200 men, including crack gendarme paratroopers, had been flown from Noumea and were combing thick underbrush in search of the Kanak hideout.

'Superpower cooperation prerequisite for Mideast peace'

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Prince Hassan and Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath and the accompanying delegation Friday attended a reception held in their honour by the Jordanian-Japanese Friendship Society.

Addressing the audience, Prince Hassan thanked the president and members of the society for giving them the opportunity to meet with the society members.

Prince Hassan, also said that the visit provided an opportunity for him to meet with Japanese officials and called on the society to continue work towards strengthening bridges of cooperation between Jordan and Japan.

Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath visited the ancient capital city of Kyoto Friday.

Early on Friday, they visited the industrial capital of Osaka.

Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath were guests of honour at a banquet at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo Thursday. It was hosted by Japanese Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko and attended by senior Japanese officials and the Jordanian delegation accompanying the Prince on the visit.

Earlier, Prince Hassan met with the presidents of five major Japanese economic organisations and discussed means of promoting

cooperation between Jordanian and Japanese private sectors in research, technical and tourist affairs and in joint economic ventures.

A spokesman for the Japanese group welcomed Prince Hassan and paid tribute to Jordanian-Japanese relations.

He said Jordan, like Japan, encountered and overcame numerous difficulties and maintained the struggle over many years. He paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein's efforts and to Prince Hassan's endeavours to achieve prosperity for the Jordanian people.

The spokesman expressed hope that Japan would contribute to the implementation of Jordan's five-year national development plan and said that the Jordanian investment seminar held in Japan was bound to offer new incentives for bilateral cooperation.

In reply, Prince Hassan expressed deep satisfaction over Jordanian-Japanese ties and said they were entering into a new phase of fruitful cooperation.

Prince Hassan expressed Jordan's appreciation of Japan's positive role as a world economic power, enhancing the cause of peace and security. He said Jordan admires Japan's technological achievements and its en-

deavours to employ them towards advancing the world community's development.

Prince Hassan said Jordan was ready to maintain full cooperation with Japan for the benefit and progress of the Arab region.

The Prince accompanied by Princess Sarvath visited Japan's television and radio corporation Thursday.

While at the TV station, Prince Hassan spoke in an interview about the Middle East question, the Gulf war and the Afghan issue. He also discussed Japanese-Jordanian relations.

Later, accompanied by the Japanese Crown Prince, he visited a Japanese scientific research centre some 70 kilometres from Tokyo.

Later, Prince Hassan spoke at the Tokyo Press Club urging the two superpowers to help bring about peace to the Middle East through a complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories. He also praised Japan's role in helping the countries of the Middle East to achieve prosperity, stability and peace.

He said Jordan welcomes the new U.S. peace initiative to stimulate the search for peace in the Middle East and noted that Jordan had provided U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz with a

six-point document summing up Jordan's views with regard to a lasting settlement.

Prince Hassan said that the document reflects the stand of the Arab Nation.

Jordan and the Arabs also look with hope to fruitful superpower cooperation for ending the Gulf conflict based on U.N. Security Council Resolution 598, Prince Hassan said.

Prince Hassan praised Japan's policy of unqualified diplomacy. "Japan... out of its own free will and initiative, has chosen to promote global peace and progress through non-military means," Prince Hassan told reporters.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the outstanding moral implications for mankind of this development are unparalleled in human history."

The Prince denounced Israel's continuing occupation of Arab territories, saying it "has hoisted and cultivated the extremist (Israeli) claims to fear."

"No party can be subjected by an occupying power to the politics of status quo," he said. "Jordan stands for self-determination and not for self-rule. And self-determination is, by definition, a cumulative package of human rights."

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Belonging to the policy of state terrorism which has long been practiced by Israel.

The Soviets joined a growing list of nations condemning Israel for the assassination. Most have singled Israel out by name. A few, such as Britain and France, have not. But their words were still harsh.

Many speakers have told the council the assassination further hampers the prospects of a Middle East peace settlement.

"The shots in Tunisia are shots against peace in the Middle East," Yugoslav Ambassador Dragoslav Pejic said.

Many diplomats say they expect the United States to veto Tunisia's condemnation resolution.

Jordan told the council the assassination of Abu Jihad was

a flagrant violation of United Nations principles and international laws and requested U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to follow up the matter and the Security Council to take appropriate measures with regard to the situation.

Jordan's call came through its U.N. permanent representative, Abdullah Salah, in a speech Thursday.

"The attack, apart from being a violation of Tunisia's territorial integrity and national sovereignty, was directed against one of the most prominent leaders of the Palestinian people and represents one more aspect of Israel's continued aggression on the Palestinian people inside and outside the occupied Arab territory," Salah said. Israel, he noted, has been justifying its practices as being a form of retaliation against the struggle of the Palestinian people whom it describes as car-

rying out terrorist acts. "But it should be emphasised that the Palestinian struggle inside the occupied territories and the uprising in the West Bank and the Gaza came in response to Israel's occupation and as a form of rejection of Israel's rule and in expression of the population's desire for freedom," he said.

He said all forms of terrorism in the Middle East region stem from Israel and its practices. "It is indeed the leaders of the Zionist movement who first introduced terrorism in Palestine, setting the scene for their followers to pursue terrorist policies against the local population," he said.

Salah, who delivered his speech on behalf of the Islamic group at the United Nations, said that by killing Abu Jihad Israel had hoped to stop the Palestinian uprising but "killing individuals can never stop the resistance and the just struggle of the Palestinian

people who are determined to regain their rights and their land."

He said the Palestinian people "have strong faith in their just cause and are bound to pursue the just struggle for liberation. Salah expressed the Islamic group's solidarity with the Palestinian people and the Tunisian government and said this group considers the killing as a outrageous crime for which Israel should not go unpunished.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres defended Friday Israel's decision to boycott the U.N. debate on the assassination of Abu Jihad, saying the Zionist state would not be put on trial for his death.

Peres contended in an interview with Israel Radio it was "inconceivable" for other countries to put Israel on trial at the Security Council.

Israeli soldiers storm Haram Al Sharif complex

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Israeli Radio reported a Palestinian was killed as troops opened fire in the city of Khan Yunis, bringing to 170 the number of Palestinians killed in the 19-week-old Palestinian uprising, according to U.N. figures.

Thirteen Palestinians were wounded at the Jabalya refugee camp near Gaza City when troops opened fire on protesters with live ammunition, while six Palestinians were injured by rubber bullets and beatings and five Israeli policemen by stones at Haram Al Sharif.

At prayers on the first Friday in the Holy Month of Ramadan, mosque preachers denounced Israel for the murder of Abu

Jihad and urged Palestinians to persist in the uprising against Israeli occupation.

Abu Jihad, deputy military commander of the PLO, was killed last Saturday at his home in Tunis. The Tunisian government and Israeli sources have said the slaying was carried out by Israeli government agents.

The clash with police in Haram Al Sharif came after Friday prayers attended by about 10,000 at the Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

Police fired rubber bullets and used truncheons to disperse hundreds of stone-throwing demonstrators, AP photographer Max Nash said. He said the protesters carried black banners and Palesti-

nian flags and chanted: "With our spirit and our blood, we will avenge Abu Jihad."

The clash marked the start of "eight days of anger" called by underground leaders of the Palestinian uprising over the assassination of Abu Jihad.

In leaflets bearing Abu Jihad's picture, the leaders of the uprising also ordered Palestinians to step up attacks with "stones, petrol bombs, metal balls and slingshots" to avenge the leader's death.

More than 400,000 of the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied territories were under curfew for the sixth straight day in the occupied territories Friday.

Iraq says target sunk

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He said Iran could also have used its failure to capture Iraq's southern city of Basra the same year as an excuse to end the war. "We would have kept silent in one way or another," Hussein added.

The Iraqi leader ridiculed Iranian calls for volunteers to launch new offensives against Iraq. "Let them attack on 10 war fronts... haven't they had the ability to attack on two, three or four fronts and not done so?" he said.

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — April 23, 1988

8:30 Yes Prime Minister
Power of the People

9:10 Sat. variety show

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature Film

Turning Point
Starring: Shirley MacLaine, Anne Bancroft

Sun. — April 24, 1988

8:30 My Husband and I
On the Carpet

9:10 World in Flames

The programme focuses on the life of some famous characters like Joseph Stalin, Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler and their roles during World War II.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Detective Series

11:10 Rich man, poor man

Mon. — April 25, 1988

8:30 Perfect Stranger

Perfect strangers is the perfect new comedy series for all. Life will never be the same when a stranger cousin from a distant land comes to stay with an all American young man.

9:10 Secret Army

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature Film

Death Wish-I

Starring: Charles Bronson, Vincent Gardenia
Paul Kersey a liberal N.Y. City architect is notified by the police that his wife was beaten to death and his daughter, was savagely raped by muggers. He pursues his own law and order, to take his revenge.

Tue. — April 26, 1988

8:30 No Place Like Home

9:10 Stand By! light! camera! action!
This film shows the tricks that are made by the cinema experts to produce horror movies showing wild animals, etc.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Murder She Wrote

Jesec looks for a man believed to be dead. She knows that he is working with a circus and decides to follow him.

11:10 Rich man, poor man

Wed. — April 27, 1988

8:30 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records

The Spectacular World Of Guinness presents the biggest, the wildest, the most incredible peo-

ple, facts and feats ever to appear on television. Based on the Guinness Book Of World Records, the top-selling book in publishing history. The Spectacular World Of Guinness combines the most proven programming ingredients of spectacle, action, drama, comedy, and star appeal. But the Spectacular World Of Guinness also offers a unique and irresistible twist—every amazing accomplishment is documented fact.

9:00 Hooper Man

9:30 Tales of the Unexpected

10:00 News in English

10:20 Napoleon and Josephine

Napoleon and Josephine (Armand Assante and Jacqueline Bisset) are reunited. A royalist assassination plot fails. Napoleon and Josephine move into Versailles Palace and Napoleon declares himself Emperor of France, waging war on any country that objects. Because Josephine cannot produce an heir to the throne, Napoleon divorces her, but they remain lovers. Napoleon remarries and a son is soon born. But without Josephine, Napoleon's victories turn to defeat. Without Napoleon, Josephine soon dies. Forced to resign his throne, Napoleon must live out his days in exile.

Thur. — April 28, 1988

8:30 Charlie Chaplin

Charlie Chaplin comedies in feature packages—mastered direct-

ly from first quality 35mm negatives. Fully speed—corrected to original projection times. Aperture—adjusted to avoid cropping of image top and bottom.

9:10 Wish me Luck

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature Film

Lady in the Car
Starring: Samantha Eggart, Oliver Reed
Dany Lang, a young and somewhat frustrated girl is on her way to the southern coast of France. Miss Lang's boss, Michael Caldwell, along with his wife, has committed an involved murder and they are trying to pin it on Dany.

Fri. — April 29, 1988

8:30 Growing Pains

Dance Fever, Part II
The dance continues. Maggie is still spinning records. Mike changes his mind about Lydia when he hears her voice and realises how stupid she is. Carol and Boner decide to ignore everyone else and dance together. Ben and Slinky end up at a dinner that has gambling. They get caught and end up at the dance.

9:10 Magnum

10:00 News in English

10:20 Falcon Crest

11:10 Rich man, poor man



Charles Bronson stars in Death Wish, Monday at 10:20

TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION	22:00	Country Music
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	24:00	Close Down
PROGRAMME ONE		
14:00	News	Koran
14:20	Programme review	
14:45	Cartoons	
15:00	Religious programme	
15:15	Ramadan puzzle	
15:45	Arabic play	
16:00	Cooking programme	
16:15	Religious series	
16:30	Health and Fasting	
16:45	Arabic comedy	
17:00	Ramadan contest	
17:15	Religious programmes	
17:30	Arabic series	
17:45	Puzzles from all over the world	
18:00	Historical series	
18:15	News Summary in Arabic	
18:30	Arabic series	
18:45	Arabic play	
19:00	Religious programme	
PROGRAMME TWO		
18:00	Le chevalier de pardailhon (French series)	
19:00	News in French	
19:15	News Bloopers	
19:30	News in Hebrew	
19:45	News in Arabic	
20:00	Yes, Prime Minister	
20:15	Saturday Variety Show	
20:30	News in English	
20:45	Feature film: "Turning Point"	
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07:30	News	
08:00	Morning Show	
08:30	News Summary	
09:00	News in Arabic	
09:15	Concert Hour	
09:30	News Summary	
09:45	Instrumental/Old favourites	
10:00	Special Feature	
10:15	Good Old Days	
10:30	News Summary	
10:45	Top Twenty	
11:00	News/Music	
11:15	The Young Sound	
11:30	Discovering Music	
11:45	The Musical in Review	

WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* Exhibition of photographs of Jordan at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

* The British Council is showing an exhibition of work by British illustrators. There is also a continuous showing of the video "7 Illustrators at Work" throughout the exhibition.

* North Korean art exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.

VIDEOS

* "Images of animations electronic" at 4:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

* "Elbot, the Smiling Monster" (German for children) at 4:00 p.m. and "Heimat" (German with Eng. subtitles) at 8:30 p.m. at the Goethe Institute.

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 6610267
American Centre .. 644371
American Centre library .. 641520
British Council .. 6361478
French Cultural Centre .. 637009
Goethe Institute .. 641903
Soviet Cultural Centre .. 644203
Spanish Cultural Centre .. 634049
Turkish Cultural Centre .. 639777
Haya Arts Centre .. 665195
Hassan Youth City .. 6671816
Y.W.C.A. .. 664251
Amman Municipal Library .. 637111
Univ. of Jordan Library .. 843555

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"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at all ages. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
Lions Philadelphi Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m.
Royal Automobile Club. Jabel Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534, 817534.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabel Amman, Tel. 624590.
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabel Lweibdeh, Tel. 637440.
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabel Hussein, Tel. 661757.
Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic) Jabel Lweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel. 623366.
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541.
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabel Amman, Tel. 625383.
chaplain's residence tel. 601359.
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331.
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 775261.
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751.
Armenian Apostolic Church (Inter-denominational) meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 675542.
Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabie Street, Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295.

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Hindawi urges efforts to modernise educational process

AMMAN (J.T.) — Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thouqan Al-Hindawi has called for continued efforts to develop and modernise the educational process.

The minister also called for making greater efforts to achieve the goals of Jordan's first educational conference held here last week.

Mr. Hindawi's call came during a meeting of the committee on education which he chaired Thursday, to review the progress of education throughout the country and problems facing the educational sector.

The ministry secretary general, Dr. Rafi Al Waqfi, reviewed the achievements made so far from the recommendations of the first educational conference, and said that a new draft law for education in Jordan was in its final stages.

Dr. Waqfi also pointed out that the ministry's national teams were working on a new curriculum for the compulsory and secondary cycle.

Exhibition of works by J.K. illustrators to start

AMMAN (J.T.) — An exhibition of over 300 panels of illustrations covering a period of nine centuries will be on show at the British Council in Amman from April 23 to May 3.

The British Council will be showing an exhibition of works by British illustrators covering a wide range of styles and techniques, and there will be continuous showings of a video of illustrators at work throughout the exhibition. The video will show contemporary artists at work, using a variety of techniques for subjects varying from children's books, to technical illustration and strip cartoon.

The earliest work and starting point at the exhibition is that of a 15th-century English book, a day figure in British publishing, which is associated with the early stages of printing which developed into a variety of techniques for illustration including woodcuts, printing, engraving and lithography.

In the eighteenth century these techniques were still being perfected but a tradition of observation, commentary and record by means of illustration was established. In the Victorian period — the nineteenth century — the illustrators' technique was even more in demand as journals proliferated.

This century has seen the commercial art of the illustrator and the art of the printer grow apart. But new developments in colour printing, which gave impetus to colour magazines and children's books, created fresh opportunities for illustrators. In recent years it would seem illustration and fine arts have grown closer together.

Caxton is a well known name, but the five centuries bring us from Caxton to Chole. This is Chole Cheese, a typical young British illustrator — perhaps not a household name, but certainly someone whose work is recognised. Her works and the works of other young illustrators demonstrate the techniques of illustration are still alive today.

The illustrations, from the year 1000 to the present day, will cover a wide range of subjects and the exhibition will be supported by a small book exhibition of general and reference books on the art of illustration, of books about specific illustrators, and of a limited number of illustrated books for children and adults.

The exhibition will be open to all from 8.30 a.m. till 6.00 p.m.

Ajlouni reviews tourism programme in past winter

AMMAN (Petra) — Organisers of tourism groups from Finland, an to operate weekly air trips from Helsinki to Aqaba as of October 1988 at the rate of two of free flights a week, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Tourism.

It said that the organisers informed the Minister of Tourism Ahmad Ajlouni of their programme at a meeting Thursday during which they reviewed the success of the past winter season's operations. His Majesty King Hussein's visit to Finland was instrumental in prompting the weekly tourist flights to the port city of Aqaba in the winter season, the organisers said at the meeting.

They paid tribute to the Jordanian government's endeavours which they said facilitated the programme, and paved the way for the expansion in the coming season.

Each flight as of October will bring in 200 Finnish tourists to Aqaba, and the southern regions of the Kingdom, according to the organisers.

The ministry's statement said that the tourism authorities in Jordan will be organising national folkloric activities in Aqaba, and has plans for a similar programme at the Dead Sea.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

JUDIN RETURNS: Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Aaron Dudin returned to Amman Thursday evening after taking part in the funeral of Khalil Al Wazir in Damascus. Wazir died when he was shot by an Israeli raiding unit at his home in Tunis last week. He had served as the deputy commander of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

BRUNEI MINISTER: Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in Brunei will visit Jordan in June for talks with his Jordanian counterpart in bilateral relations and cooperation in Islamic affairs.

MAN JAILED FOR 2 YEARS: The military court has sentenced Chalil Musa Kamel Al Smeiri to two years imprisonment and fined him JD 450 for embezzlement of public funds. The military governor endorsed the sentence.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Civil Defence Department in Balqa governorate is taking a series of safety measures to limit the occurrence of accidents and to promote awareness of public safety among citizens in the governorate. The measures include the use of posters calling on travellers not to throw away cigarettes from car windows to avoid fires, and to inspect swimming pools and water canals to avoid drowning accidents.

LIBRARY SCIENCES: A two-day course on library sciences opened Friday at the secondary school in Zarqa in which 48 different librarians participated. The course, which was opened by the director of education in the Zarqa governorate, will include different courses pertaining to library sciences.

CULTURAL SHOW: A cultural show, which was held at the Technical Training Centre in Ain Al Basha on the occasion of Ramadan, ended in Salt Friday after a week filled with religious, cultural and educational lectures in addition to sports and art competitions.

BUILDING PROJECTS: The secretary general of the Ministry of Public Works toured Friday government building projects under construction in the Irbid area. At the end of his tour the secretary general expressed relief over the work level and said that the Al Hussein Sports City and the nursing college projects will be finished by the end of next year.



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh inaugurates the new administration building at Al Bashir Hospital in Amman Thursday (Petra photo)

Hamzeh inaugurates administration building at Al Bashir hospital

AMMAN (J.T.) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Thursday inaugurated the JD 194,000 new administration building at Al Bashir Hospital, which was built

at an area of 2,416 square metres, to accommodate the medical registers, administration, assembly hall and library.

Hamzeh, accompanied by Al Bashir Hospital Director Abdul Aziz Al Shraideh, toured the various sections of the hospital, including the centres for radiology, nuclear medicine, cancer, forensic medicine, physiotherapy and rehabilitation, and the sera and vaccines unit.

The minister also toured the new burns treatment section, currently under construction, where surgeries for burns will be performed and intensive care units for burns will be set up. The section will accommodate 30 patients.

Hamzeh also toured the comprehensive health centre and the ambulance and emergency section, currently under construction, to replace the old buildings. The minister concluded his tour by a visit to the Nursing Instructors Training Institute, which will be operational at the beginning of October.

France honours heads of Archaeology Department

AMMAN (J.T.) — French Ambassador to Jordan Patrick Leclercq, Thursday bestowed upon Dr. Adnan Hadidi, Director General of the Department of Antiquities and Dr. Fawzi Zayyadin, Assistant-Director General, the insignia of "Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres," as a token of the French authorities' appreciation and gratitude, for their outstanding contribution to the development of Franco-Jordanian cooperation in the field of archaeology.

This ceremony took place in the presence of Mrs. de Cosse-Brissac, in charge of international cooperation in the field of archaeology at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

While giving to the two Jordanian personalities their decoration, the French Ambassador underlined that France was proud to participate in the work of promotion of the exceptional archaeological heritage of Jordan.

The cooperation carried in this field is one of the most gratifying illustration of the quality of the relations between both countries.



N. KOREAN EXHIBITION: A four-day North Korean art exhibition was opened at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman Thursday. The centre's Director General Isam Arida opened the exhibition which displays 50 photographs depicting the natural environment, culture and public heritage in North Korea.

Traditional handicraft school to open in '88

AMMAN (J.T.) — A school teaching traditional handicrafts will be opened as of the 1988-1989 scholastic year and will accept students who completed their third preparatory classes, according to Mr. Anis Muasher who is a member of the school's board of trustees.

The project which is being operated by Salt Development Corporation (SDD), in cooperation with the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), will be offering students three-year training courses in various types of crafts, Muasher noted in an interview with the local Arabic daily Al Dustour.

Referring to other projects Muasher said that the SDD is involved in a project for the development of the central regions of Salt, restoring the ancient buildings in the city and encouraging people to carry out projects that can contribute to the success of preserving the ancient and traditional structures.

The SDD he said is keen on stimulating tourism and cultural life in the city and reviving the traditional handicrafts at the same time.

The SDD has contracted a British firm and the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) to help carry out the restoration projects which will be implemented with government assistance. Muasher noted.

Muasher gave particulars about education offered to brilliant students at the SDD model school, and said that nearly 150 students are now receiving education at the school which graduated its first batch in July 1987.

The SDD has offered three promising students scholarships to continue their higher studies in Jordanian universities, and plans to expand the scholarship scheme in the future, Muasher noted.

He said that the SDD is cooperating with the University of Jordan to provide advanced and more detailed training to students of its school and is enlisting the help of university teachers in this endeavour.

Muasher noted that the Canadian government has contributed the equipment for the language centre, and these have been installed to provide better training facilities for the students.



Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday attends the monthly group lesson for the students of the National Music Conservatory at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman (right) the students are seen during their practice (Petra photos)

Queen attends group lesson of national conservatory

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday attended the monthly group lesson for the students of the National Music Conservatory's string and brass and woodwind classes at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman.

The conservatory recently moved to its permanent premises

and its student enrollment has reached 107 girls and boys who receive instruction by nine Jordanian teachers of violin, viola, cello, trumpet, trombone and saxophone.

The conservatory applies a new successful teaching method in its String Program — the Rolland Pedagogy, which stresses proper balance and control through natural body movement and enjoyable learning environment. It is being used in a number of music programmes in England, Switzerland and the United States.



SPRING FESTIVAL: Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday opened a two-day spring festival at Um Al Kundum, south west of Amman. The exhibition displays embroideries and knifware by women at Bani Hamida district. The Queen toured parts of the exhibition, inspecting the various items. The exhibition was organised by the Save the Children Fund and the Noor Al Hussein Foundation to highlight national tradition and focus on the role of rural women in Jordan (Petra photos).

Female student dies in fire

AMMAN (J.T.) — A female student died in a fire caused by a stove in her home in the Karak governorate. Al Dustour newspaper said that the stove was in the bathroom when it caused the fire. The paper also reported the

death of a 23-year-old man near Irbid. It said that a tractor knocked down the man causing his death. In the Karak region, it said, a seven year old child of Egyptian nationality died when she fell in a pool of water.

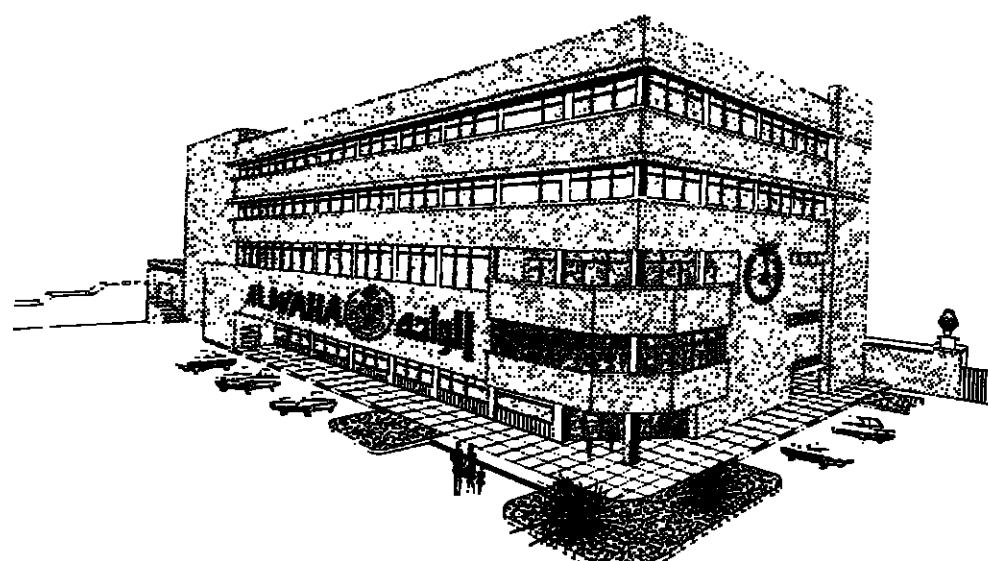
UAE seeks Jordanian teachers

AMMAN (J.T.) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has approached Jordan's Ministry of Education for Jordanian teachers to be sent to work in UAE schools in the 1988-1989 scholastic year. Al Dustour newspaper said that the ministry in Amman has received a request for dispatching 240 Jordanian teachers to work in the UAE, provided that they all carry university degrees and a post graduate diplomas.



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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

AI Ra'i: Superpowers' talks

THE foreign ministers of the Soviet Union and the United States Thursday began talks in Moscow to prepare for the next U.S.-Soviet superpower summit meeting in the Soviet capital. According to reports, the Middle East question will be among the most prominent subjects for discussion now and during the summit which will be held next month. Reports also say that the United States was determined to advocate its new peace proposals for resolving the Middle East problem during the summit meetings. But it should be noted that as the two foreign ministers opened talks in Moscow, the U.S. and Israel were signing a new pact, paving the way for increased cooperation between the U.S. and Israel in military, economic and technological fields. This agreement, it was noted, followed Israel's deportation of Arab citizens from Palestine and an American veto of a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for condemnation of Israel's practices against the Arab population of Palestine. The American behaviour on the eve of the superpower summit indicates that Washington is not serious in its claims of carrying out a positive action to help convene the projected Middle East conference that would lay the solid foundation for a comprehensive peace in our region. It shows that the U.S. is keen on making a change in the stand of the Soviet Union towards the Middle East question and perhaps causing a split between Moscow and the Arab World.

AI Dustour: Military honours

THE liberation of the Fao peninsula was a great achievement by Iraq and should be considered as a great act of honour for the Arab military institution. The victory over the Iranian invaders is bound to increase self-confidence in the Arab soldiers and enhance the feeling of national pride in every Arab citizen. Iraq which is fighting off an Iranian invasion, has once again offered peace to the Tehran rulers whose dreams have been dashed away through the constant defeats inflicted on their troops in the battlefield. Iraq has chosen a moment of victory to offer peace once again from a position of strength and to tell the world that the Iraqis have no objectives but to defend their land and live in peace with their neighbours. Iraq has offered peace to Iran out of a deep feeling of responsibility, and in a bid to save the blood of Arab and Muslim people and put an end to devastation. As the Iraqis continue the drive towards peace there have been voices in the United States calling on the Reagan administration to increase U.S. presence in the Gulf waters, claiming that U.S. forces were required to protect American interests. The Iranian rulers who continue to ignore Iraqi peace bids are clearly inviting the United States to send in its naval forces to the Gulf, and thus widen the scope of the Gulf conflict. In addition, Iran's constant attacks on countries like Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates indicate that Tehran is keen on widening the war and putting further obstacles in the path of implementing U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 that could bring peace.

Sawt Al Shaab: Appreciating Japan

PRINCE Hassan's visit to Japan and his talks with senior Japanese officials there reflect Jordan's determination to follow up on the implementation of its development projects by benefiting from modern technology and from a leading power in that field. Japan has often expressed its appreciation of Jordan's drive to achieve progress and prosperity for its people and has pledged help and support for the Kingdom's development in all fields. There is no doubt that Prince Hassan with his ideas about development and through his endeavours will secure Japan's backing for the Kingdom's development schemes. His visit to Japan is bound also to enhance bilateral cooperation and increase Japan's confidence in the success of Jordan's plans. Japan, which has offered a \$300 million loan to Jordan recently, has proved with practical steps that bilateral relations were based on solid ground, and reflected Tokyo's feeling that Jordan has an important role to play in the Middle East and its future stability and peace.

Thursday's

AI Ra'i: Farewell to Abu Jihad

THE Arab Nation on Wednesday bid farewell to Abu Jihad, the Palestinian leader who was laid to rest in Damascus after being assassinated by Zionist elements while in the course of his efforts to offer service to his homeland and people. Abu Jihad is one of those martyrs who continually fall along the path of struggle to liberate Palestine and is one more martyr in the long chain of martyrs who paid with their souls so that their nation and people can live. This Israeli crime is not a novelty to us, because we realise that the Israeli aggressors carry a Nazi nature in their heads and continue to exercise terrorism against our people. What is strange, however, is to find some Arab people who still believe that their common enemy could be made to respond to reason and be committed to international principles. What the Arabs must understand is that Israelis should be dealt with in a manner that they understand, and should carry on the struggle with greater faith, armed with appropriate response to any of Israel's actions and possible eventualities. They ought to benefit from the lessons of the past and should be creative and inventive while they pursue the struggle for liberation. Of course the death of Abu Jihad will not stop the struggle and will not end the uprising which broke out for the sake of ending occupation. Indeed the Palestinian people's determination to liberate their land is being enhanced day by day. We are confident that Israeli terrorism will never succeed in imposing any capitulation of surrender on our people regardless of the forms of crimes committed against the Arabs.

AI Dustour: Collective punishments

AS Israel celebrates its 40th anniversary the people of the occupied Arab territory continue to live in a large prison guarded by criminals and troops practicing all forms of oppression against the Arab people. As if the crimes, the killings, the deportation and the starvation of the Palestinians were not enough, the Israeli rulers have embarked on collective punishments and mass arrests coupled by a siege on Arab cities, villages and refugee camps. These practices are being taken in a desperate move to end the popular revolt and the uprising which is being escalated day by day. These practices are being taken by soldiers who seem to have lost their senses and lost their initiative in dealing with the uprising. This uprising which is nearly five months old has become a daily business of the Arab people, and their steadfastness in the face of Israel's crimes is indeed exemplary. There can be no let up in the fight for freedom until the oppressors recognise the right of the Palestinians to self-determination in their own home land. Israel which celebrates its independence, feels well protected from sanctions for its violations and crimes. But it should realise that the challenges that faced it 40 years ago are the same and still exist in a more elaborate form than ever before.

Christian Zionism threatens unity of the Church

By Rev. Donald E. Wagner

The following is the last part of a study on Western fundamentalist Christian Zionism presented by the writer to a Middle East Council of Churches working group in Limassol, Cyprus in April, 1988. The Jordan Times serialised the study in four parts.

The international dimension of fundamentalist Christian Zionism

HERE we will concentrate on one organisation, the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem (ICEJ) which is a self-proclaimed Christian Zionist institution and one which has an international vision for the promotion of its doctrine.

1. The ICEJ opened its doors in West Jerusalem on Sept. 30, 1980, with a ceremony attended by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and representatives of the Begin government. Its purpose was to establish an "embassy" in Jerusalem for the Christians of the world who would bring comfort and support to Israel and its policies. The timing of the opening was designed to offset the effect of several embassies withdrawing from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv in protest against Israel declaring Jerusalem as its "eternal capital".

2. The ICEJ is based upon a Christian fundamentalist approach to the Bible and utilises the premillennial dispensationalist approach, which sees Israel as the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy and the return of the "Promised Land" to God's "Chosen People."

3. According to their literature and to spokespersons, the role of the Christian is to offer comfort and support to the Jewish people and the "nation of Israel." A promotional brochure states:

"When the vision of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem was first given it was expressed in the following concerns: To care for the Jewish people, especially for the newborn State of Israel which includes standing up for the Jews when they are attacked or discriminated against, and for Israel to live in peace and security; To care for Jerusalem in all its aspects, that Jerusalem one day will truly become a praise in all the earth and a herald of a new day to all mankind; To care for the worldwide body of Christ will be rightly related to Israel in comfort, love, and prayer for her wellbeing; To care for the nations whose destinies will be increasingly linked to the way in

which they relate to Israel: The care and preparation for the coming of the Lord.

4. The embassy engages in a number of projects which appear to have close collaboration with Israeli political leadership. Among these are: Lobbying (particularly in the United States), promotion of Israeli products, sale of Israeli bonds, annual rallies such as the Feast of Tabernacles, lobbying for Soviet Jews to settle in Israel, blood donations for the Israeli Defence Forces, writing in their secular press to defend Israeli political positions, promoting Christian Zionism in the West.

5. Of particular concern to the ICEJ are the following countries: The United States, Canada, England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. In these countries the embassy has from time to time opened branch offices called "Consulates." From these bases the ICEJ mobilises political and financial support to continue its activities.

6. In August, 1985, the embassy organised the First Christian Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland, in the same hall in which Theodore Herzl convened the First Zionist Congress in August, 1897. The platform adopted at the 1985 meeting was highly politicised in support of Revisionist Zionist principles and was clearly consistent with the lines of premillennial dispensationalist thought.

7. The Second Christian Zionist Congress held its meeting in Jerusalem, 10-15 April, 1988, to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the founding of Israel. The convention speeches, declaration, and political strategy were all designed to advance a highly politicised fundamentalist Christian Zionism which is consistent with the policies of the Israeli government.

The churches of the Middle East and "Christian Zionism"

The following section briefly examines a number of theological and practical issues fundamental-

ist Christian Zionists raise for the churches in the Middle East. As indicated above, these issues can be addressed to Christians in Europe and North America as well. They jeopardise the identity, presence, and witness of Christianity where the Church of Jesus Christ was born and has continued for nearly 2000 years.

A. The Zionist tendency in Christian thought represents the most recent outside intrusion into the region. Churches that have been living the Christian faith in an unbroken continuity since the Pentecost consider this tendency as anathema to the Christian faith. The international Christian Embassy in Jerusalem, which embodies Christian Zionism in the region, by sanctifying Zionism, has allowed little room for Christian principles to become an incentive for justice in the region.

B. There are over 12 million Christians throughout the Middle East, the vast majority of whom are from the ancient Oriental and Eastern Orthodox Churches. They, together with the Catholic, Anglican, and National Protestant Churches, have overcome centuries of isolation and are now participants in the search for church unity in response to Christ's prayer that they be "One" (John 17:21). As they give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a region fraught with violence, economic hardship, and rapid social change they expect that Christian initiatives from outside the region respect their life and particular vocations in mission and service. The International Christian Embassy-Jerusalem (ICEJ) does not recognise this reality and considers that the churches of the region are spiritually dead and can therefore be ignored.

C. In response to the Christian Zionist Congress in Basle, organised by the ICEJ in April, 1985, the Middle East Council of Churches cited the overt political nature of the meeting as having compromised basic Christian principles. The MECC Executive Committee stated:

"Conscious of responsibilities towards the Christian community and world public opinion, we emphasise that, in spite of many religious references, this meeting had an overt political character: We condemn the misuse of the Bible and the abuse of Christian

sentiments in attempt to sacralise the creation of a state and legitimise the policies of a government."

For the above reasons the Christian participants at the Basle, Switzerland meeting have lost their objectivity and appear to have adopted the Zionist principles that are based more on Israeli political and military policies as signs of prophecies in the Arab World than on authentic Christian Biblical faith. This makes them absolutely unable to recognise through any suffering people the sign of the liberating cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. As such, they represent the consistent tendency to force the Zionist model of theocratic and ethnocentric nationalism upon the Middle East. The dislocation of Palestine and disintegration of Lebanon are recent by-products of this trend. Fundamentalist Christian Zionism encourages this trend and at the same time it rejects the movement of Christian unity and national pluralism which is promoted by the churches in the region.

D. The Christian Zionist programme, with its elevation of modern political Zionism, provides the Christian with a limited world view and reduces the gospel to a philosophy of success and militarism. It places its emphasis on events leading up to the end of history rather than living Christ's love and justice today. The Christian Zionist tendency is, therefore, a dangerous reduction of the Christian faith and one that would advance the political cause of a state or particular people at the expense of other people within God's creation, even the living church.

The history of millenarian movements, from the Montanist Controversy of the second century to the American televangelists of today, present serious misunderstandings of the Bible and half-truths which must be rejected by the Church. The churches of the Middle East bear the burden of coping with this western intrusion, which undermines their long history of witness and living the faith in a largely Muslim world. However, the churches of the west must recognise Christian Zionism as their responsibility as well, and join the Christians of the Middle East in portraying a correct interpretation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

and role of the Christian in these societies.

Conclusion: How can Middle East Christians respond to this problem

The theological distortions inherent within the western fundamentalist Christian Zionist phenomenon calls for a coordinated and thoroughly Christian response.

1. The churches of the Middle East are called to publicly disassociate themselves from the Christian Zionist tendency. Statements from church leadership will continue to be necessary. A consistent process of awareness building and education within the churches is necessary. In the educational material used, the churches must clearly distinguish between the Zionist as an ideology adopted by the Christian Zionists and Judaism or the Jewish people. Many Jewish thinkers are able to assist in this project, as Judaism and world Jewry does not seem to agree with the Christian Zionist eschatology as it applies to Israel during the premillennialist scenario of the end times.

2. It is expected that the church leadership of the Middle East would continue to appropriate resources and skilled interpreters who are able to provide both the theological and practical components necessary to deal with this issue. Initial pronouncements of the MECC Executive Committee provide the basis upon which to build a comprehensive programme.

3. The churches of the Middle East could continue to call upon all the churches in the West, be they mainline Protestant, Evangelical, Catholic, or Orthodox, to confront the theological and practical dimensions of Christian Zionism in their society where it is originating or is organised. It is especially important that the fundamentalist Christian Zionists be challenged in the very countries which finance and promote their viewpoints. The genesis of this ideology is in the West and the churches in these countries should share with the Middle East churches the task of confronting Christian Zionism. Of particular importance is a response by churches in the United States, Canada, England, Norway, Holland, Germany, South

Africa, New Zealand, and Australia.

4. The churches of the Middle East should continue to explore understanding with western Evangelicals who share the same concerns about Christian Zionism and justice. The voices of key western Evangelical leadership and theological reflection in their journals will be of major importance in denouncing Christian Zionism thereby reducing the immediate and long term effects of the trend. The involvement of western Evangelicals, for that matter, should be closely coordinated with the churches of the Middle East.

5. There needs to be an increase of visits by the major western church leaders to the churches and people of the Middle East. The information and history gaps must be closed. In addition to the mass media and informational functions there is nothing as significant as personal contacts in the region coupled with Middle East Christians visiting the western countries and churches.

6. A series of theological seminars should be conducted in the Middle East during 1988-89, with the aim of developing educational resources for church leadership, seminaries, and the laity. The churches of the Middle East must link the challenges raised by western Christian Zionists to the major justice issues, as interpreted within a Biblical perspective. The Middle East churches have significant insights to share with the West in this regard.

An often used but helpful reminder is that in the Chinese language, the character for "crisis" can be interpreted as embracing either "danger" or "opportunity." The churches of the Middle East, with their partners in Christ's Body, the Church, throughout the world, have an important task with regard to fundamentalist Christian Zionism. God is calling them to join in Biblical reflection and to respond, rather than to allow Christian Zionism to further divide and weaken the Church. The churches can utilise this opportunity to overcome division and articulate a clear proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in whom "there is no longer Jew nor Greek, male nor female, slave nor free" but one Body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prospects bleak for talks with Sikh militants

By Raju Gopalakrishnan
The Associated Press

AMRITSAR, India — The latest hope for ending Sikh terrorist killings in Punjab state had faded in bloodshed, and many Sikhs fear a government bid for amnesty may be replaced with a police crackdown.

Sikh gunmen were blamed for four killings Saturday. Police say radicals are building fortifications at the Golden Temple and chipping gun ports in walls in fear of a repeat of the 1984 army assault on the holy Sikh shrine in Amritsar.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi freed a radical Sikh priest from jail six weeks ago in an apparent move to open talks with the militants. But last week, he said such talks would occur only within the framework of the Indian constitution.

The radicals say they will not negotiate until the government accepts their demand for an inde-

pendent Sikh nation of Khalistan, a concept that is well outside the constitution.

"We will continue to fight in the same manner until we get Khalistan," says Jagir Singh, spokesman for the Panthic Committee, an underground umbrella grouping of militant Sikh groups. "It is not a demand," he said in his room at the Golden Temple. "It is our right."

Sikhs form 2 per cent of India's 800 million people but are in a majority in Punjab. Sikh militants claim they are being subjugated by Hindus, who form 80 per cent of India's population.

The Sikh agitation has claimed at least 735 lives this year and worsened since the government's conciliatory move. More than 350 people have been killed since radical Sikh priest Jasbir Singh Rode was freed from jail.

The killings raised fears that the government would use harsher measures. While freeing

Rode, Gandhi pushed through parliament a bill that would let the government clamp emergency rule on Punjab, severely limiting individual rights.

Jagir Singh, the militant spokesman, was asked if he expected a government move to drive out radicals who have taken refuge in the Golden Temple. "We are ready for an attack," he said. He characterised the militants' attitude with a Punjabi proverb: "A brick will be replied to with a stone."

10 killed everyday
Indian officials downplay the possibility of a raid on the temple. The army raid in 1984 left

more than 1,200 people dead, most of them Sikhs, and the desecration of the shrine angered the entire Sikh community. Five months later, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards.

Police officers posted in Amritsar and nearby areas battle the extremists daily. They see little hope of conciliatory moves ending the violence.

"These people kill nearly 10 people every day," said Izhar Alam, Amritsar district police superintendent. "We must take strong action."

He said such moves should include sending security forces into the Golden Temple, where

about 100 armed militants are believed to be taking shelter. Alam also said police alone could not raid the sprawling temple complex.

"Other forces will have to be included," he said. "The militants have AK-47 automatic rifles and carbines. All we (the police) have is .303 rifles and pistols."

The biggest impediment to any plan to raid the militants' sanctuary is a threat held out by Rode in a speech recently. "If the government enters the temple, they will be laying the foundation for Khalistan," he said.

Rode addressed a meeting of about 40,000 Sikhs in south Punjab in his first major appearance

after his release. Reports he would encourage moderation among the militants supported hopes the meeting would yield a peaceful approach.

But most speakers at the gathering urged more agitation against the government. While Rode did not directly support moves for Khalistan, he called for continuing a movement to "free Sikhs from the bonds of slavery."

Rode, named to the most influential Sikh religious post shortly after his release from jail, denies making a deal with authorities. He says the only way to reach a solution is direct talks between the government and the militants.

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An Iranian salvage tug sprays water onto a blazing Iranian platform which was attacked by U.S. warships Monday.

U.S. commanders recount missile attacks

'It was big, it was fast, and it came from Iran'

By Richard Pyle
The Associated Press

ABOARD USS JACK WILLIAMS IN THE GULF — Senior U.S. navy officers say it will take some time to analyse how many missiles were fired at this U.S. warship and two destroyers in Monday's clashes with Iranian naval and air forces.

They noted Thursday that reports from Washington indicating the Jack Williams' account that the Iranians loosed off several anti-ship missile firing was not being disputed, and that senior officials there were saying only that there was "no positive evidence" that Chinese-made Silkworms were used.

Captain Donald Dyer, commander of destroyer Squadron 22, said the fact that three ships were under fire, manoeuvring and firing "chaff" to distract the missiles' radar systems, "could mean some duplication" in the reports of missiles being fired.

"To go back and try to reconstruct it in the fog of war, to put it all together, is very difficult," he said.

"It's only a matter of count-

ing beams... but there is no doubt that missiles were fired at these ships."

As to what type of missile was used, Dyer said: "It was big, it was fast, and it came from Iran."

The ships included this 3,700-ton guided missile frigate, serving as flagship for Surface Action Group Delta, (SAG Delta), the missile destroyer Joseph Strauss and the destroyer O'Brien.

The ships made up of one of the three three-ship SAGs involved in Monday's coordinated retaliatory raids on Iranian targets.

Monday's clash was the fiercest between the Americans and the Iranians since the U.S. navy buildup in the Gulf last July.

The navy said it sank one Iranian patrol boat, sank or damaged three armed speedboats and disabled two frigates, the Sahand and the Sabalan.

The Iranians said 44 of their men were killed in the fighting. There were no reported U.S. casualties, although the two-man crew of a helicopter are missing.

Iran deployed the Silkworms, a Chinese-made variant of the

30-year-old Soviet Styx missile, in the strait of Hormuz a year ago.

The Silkworms had never been fired at any military or commercial vessels passing through the Strait, the gateway to the Gulf.

Effective weapon

The missiles are about 2.8 metres long and have a range of about 80 kilometres with a full 450-kilogram warhead. They fly at about 960 kilometres an hour, just below the speed of sound, at about 30 metres above the surface, honing in on the target by a narrow-band radar.

Although crude by modern standards, the Silkworm, officially known as the HY-2, is an effective weapon.

"It just isn't smart," said Dyer. "The Silkworm has no brain. Whatever it spots first, it will reach out and touch."

On Monday, the three American ships had sailed halfway through Hormuz in what officers called "exercising the right of transit," and were heading westward into the Gulf at high speed when the missile attacks began.

N. Yemen: Ex-Aden leader no obstacle to Yemeni unity

ABU DHABI (R) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh said South Yemen's ousted leader would not create trouble for the new regime in Aden and urged reconciliation between the two sides.

Saleh added he did not believe the former South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Mohammad, now in exile with thousands of followers in North Yemen, would prove an obstacle to unity between the two countries.

"I assure our brothers in the south that he will not carry out any hostile activity or provocation against them," Saleh told Abu Dhabi state television Thursday night.

"Nasser Mohammad is not an obstacle to proposed unity and we have urged Aden to open reconciliation talks to enable him and other refugees to return home."

Nasser Mohammad was overthrown in inter-factional fighting in 1986 and a South Yemeni court sentenced him last year to death and demanded his return.

Saleh said a dialogue between Nasser Mohammad and the new Aden government would start gradually but he did not elaborate.

Talks on merging the two Yemenis have been held on and off since 1972. A new round of negotiations began a week ago, with both sides meeting in the North Yemeni town Taiz.



Ali Abdullah Saleh

Hostages to be freed soon — Al Shiraa

BEIRUT (AP) — The weekly magazine Al Shiraa said Friday contacts were underway between France and Iran for the release of three Frenchmen held hostage in Lebanon.

Paris and Tehran, the report said, had agreed on the release of two French hostages in Lebanon in return for "the release of Iranian assets frozen in France in addition to a \$1 billion compensation to Iran."

It is believed the magazine referred to full repayment of a billion-dollar loan made by the late Shah of Iran to France and disputed interest which could amount to an additional billion dollars.

"Last minute snags delayed the release," the magazine said without further elaboration.

There had been reports of an

imminent French hostage release earlier this month. But the April 5 hijack of Kuwait Airways jetliner apparently delayed the negotiations.

However, Al Shiraa indicated that France's insistence on the release of a third French hostage was delaying implementation of the alleged deal.

"The deal (to release the two) was not carried out pending completion of negotiations for the release of a third French hostage in Lebanon," the report said. It did not disclose further details.

The magazine Al Shiraa gained international fame when it broke

the story of secret U.S. arms sales to Iran in 1986.

The pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad, holds French diplomats Marcel Carton and Marcel Fontaine in addition to journalist Jean-Paul Kaufmann. The three were kidnapped in 1985 in west Beirut.

'Higgins to be tried'

In another development, kidnappers of U.S. Marine Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins accused him Thursday of spying and said they would try him for crimes against Lebanese and Palestinians.

"The interrogation with this criminal has been concluded and we shall put him in the hands of our nation when the time is right," said a statement in the name of the Organisation of the

Oppressed of the World.

The typewritten undated message in Arabic was delivered with a black-and-white photograph of Higgins to an international news agency in west Beirut.

"This criminal will be transferred today to the courts of the oppressed to be tried for the crimes he has committed, in accordance with the accusations against him," it said.

The statement, on paper from a school copy-book, was the fifth issued by the group since three bearded gunmen seized Higgins near the southern port of Tyre Feb. 17.

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U.S., Israel sign sweeping 'understanding'

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel and the United States have signed their most comprehensive agreement on mutual cooperation, formalising close ties established during the current U.S. administration.

The document was signed simultaneously in the U.S. and Israel by President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Shamir described the accord as "very special," and said it would bind future U.S. governments for at least five years.

"The agreement is unprecedented," said Shamir. "It is the inheritance this administration is leaving to its successor."

Describing the Reagan administration as "the friendliest Israel has ever known," Shamir said the agreement formalised ad hoc arrangements which have developed over the past few years between the two countries.

"It sets down, institutionalises and gives official backing to all items and areas of cooperation already existing in the strategic, military, economic and political spheres," Shamir said.

He refused to elaborate on the types of cooperation but said intelligence was one of them.

U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering hinted at disagreements between Shamir and the U.S.

government over current American peace efforts.

"Peace is as vital for Israel's security as military and economic strength and we will continue to work with all the states in this region to achieve that objective," he said.

Relations between Israel and the United States drew close after the 1967 Middle East war, when Washington became Israel's major supplier of arms.

During the 1973 war, the United States airlifted weapons and ammunition to Israel.

Washington has provided civilian and military aid since 1979, when Israel signed a treaty with Egypt and withdrew from the Sinai desert.

Under the Reagan administration, that aid has grown to \$3 billion and ties have grown closer.

In 1981, the two countries signed a secret agreement on "strategic cooperation" which included provisions for military trade, and joint planning.

In 1985, an economic accord was signed lifting trade barriers between the two countries.

Over the past few years, Israel has become a port of call for ships of the U.S. Mediterranean fleet and has provided the United States with land for a transmitter to beam Voice of America and

Article 1

"Israel and the United States

recognise the value of their unique dialogue and agree to continue frequent consultations and periodic meetings between the president and the prime minister, between the secretary of state and the minister of foreign affairs, between the secretary of defence and the minister of defence, and between other cabinet-level officials. In these meetings, international and bilateral issues of immediate and significant concern to both countries will be discussed as appropriate.

Article 2

"A. The director general of the ministry of foreign affairs and the under-secretary of state for political affairs will meet regularly, for a joint political consultation to discuss a wide range of international issues of mutual interest with a view towards increasing their mutual understanding and appreciation of these issues.

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Turkey orders halt to extravagance

ANKARA (R) — Turkish civil servants have been ordered to cut out parties, gift-giving and costly private phone calls as part of the country's belt-tightening measures, a government spokesman said Thursday.

The cabinet has ordered employees of public departments to end receptions and parties and stop giving expensive flower offerings and other gifts, state minister and government spokesman Mehmet Yazar told a news conference.

The announcement did not clarify whether the measures would apply to ministries, which are described as "official" departments.

Public departments will not be allowed to furnish offices and staff trips abroad will be curtailed, Yazar said.

Short-term needs for vehicles

in a wage dispute amid general labour unrest for better conditions.

They joined 2,000 cement workers who started a strike in five cities Wednesday. They are all affiliated to the Turk-Is Confederation which has threatened widespread action next month.

Turk-Is controls two-thirds of Turkey's three million union members. It wants pay rises to offset 70 per cent inflation, an increase in the minimum monthly wage of 74,500 liras (\$60) and the removal of some laws drawn up under military rule.

Turk-Is President Sevtet Yilmaz said he had been invited to meet Ozal on April 30 but told reporters he held out little hope of a settlement.

"Our problems are all known. The meeting will not reduce these problems," he said.

Union official Vahdetin Karabay, whose members at the Lassa tyre factory came out Thursday, said: "The solidarity and unity of the workers will expedite the modification of the laws against them."

Unions, spurred by moves towards greater political freedom, want the removal of laws introduced after the 1980 military coup which curbed their activities.

Unions representing more than 19,000 workers from the food, manufacturing, plastics and fertilizer industries have opted for strikes in coming months.

The average monthly wage for a factory worker is about 90,000 liras (\$72). The lira's value has slipped since January to 1,254 to the dollar from 1,018, and compared with 795 at the end of April last year.

Ministry opens state pastures to breeders

AMMAN (Petra) — Stock breeders will have the right to take their livestock for grazing in state owned pasture land in accordance with new regulations issued by Agriculture Minister Marwan Hmoud Thursday.

The new regulations stipulate that stock breeders have to secure prior approval in writing from the Ministry of Agriculture before they can take their sheep, goats and cattle into the state owned pastures.

Grazing can be done only during the day in specific zones and until the end of the coming month, the regulations stipulated.

The instructions made it clear that violators of the new regulations will be prosecuted.

The instructions directed heads of agriculture departments to help implement the regulations in

their respective regions and impose fines on violators.

Meeting reviews general agricultural situation

Hmoud Thursday chaired a meeting at his office for reviewing the general agricultural situation in the Kingdom.

The available quantities of vegetables and fruits on the local markets was the centre of the discussion during the meeting which was attended by the Ministry of Agriculture's Secretary-General Salem Al Lawzi and heads of agriculture departments in different governorates.

Also discussed at the meeting was the production of cereals and lentils and the pasture and grazing situation as well as the work of agricultural nurseries in the Kingdom.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling	1.8875/85	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.2320/30	Canadian dollar
	1.6717/24	Deutsche marks
	1.8747/57	Dutch guilders
	1.3808/18	Swiss francs
	34.94/97	Belgian francs
	5.6750/80	French francs
	1242/1243	Italian lire
	124.60/70	Japanese yen
	5.8620/70	Swedish crowns
	6.1660/1710	Norwegian crowns
	6.4140/90	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	451.00/451.50	U.S. dollars

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The market closed slightly easier in dull, featureless trading as investors took to the sidelines ahead of the Anzac holiday weekend. The All Ordinaries index fell 2.1 points to 1,436.1.

TOKYO — Shares closed mixed due to some interest in consumer demand-related shares, countered by profit-taking. The Nikkei index rose to 8.96 points, 0.03 per cent, to 26,837.12.

HONG KONG — Prices closed at the day's highest levels on late local buying. The Hang Seng index rose 38.64 to 2,591.35.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed moderately higher over a broad front on speculative buying and bargain hunting in fairly active trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 11.28 to 955.77.

BOMBAY — Share prices rose sharply in brisk trading helped by heavy speculative buying after the market opened firm. Sentiment was boosted by lower carry-forward charges fixed for business done in the two weeks ended Thursday.

FRANKFURT — Shares closed little changed after a sluggish week marked by low turnover and lack of retail interest. The Commerzbank index, calculated at mid-session, was marginally lower at 1,377.4 after 1,378.5 Thursday.

PARIS — Shares were 0.80 per cent higher in moderate trading in a buoyant start to the new trading month despite the presidential election which starts Sunday.

ZURICH — Prices closed lower in moderate pre-weekend trading in a market dominated by uncertainty. The All Share Swiss index was down 6.5 at 812.8.

LONDON — Equities drifted lower ahead of the start of the new account at 1430 GMT. "There is just no interest," one dealer said. The FTSE 100 share index was down 21.0 at 1,770.9 by 1130 GMT.

NEW YORK — Stocks were higher but retreated from early gains. The Dow 30 was up 11 at 1,999 and gaining issues led decliners by a three-to-two margin.

Brazil debt swells in '87

BRASILIA (R) — The decline of the U.S. dollar and the effects of a Brazilian interest moratorium increased Brazil's debt by over \$10 billion in 1987 to \$121.3 billion, according to the central bank.

The bank, in its quarterly review of the national economy, said that between December 1986 and December 1987 the foreign debt rose 9.2 per cent, up from \$111 billion.

The central bank report, which is being distributed to creditors, said medium- and long-term debt grew 5.7 per cent to \$107.5 billion as a result of the fall of the U.S. currency.

It said short-term debt had grown 48 per cent, to \$13.8 billion from \$9.3 billion because of the effects of the interest moratorium which Brazil imposed on its bank debt in February 1987.

The moratorium has now been lifted.

The bank said Brazil's commercial bank debt had increased to \$70.4 billion from \$70 billion.

Brazil, the Third World's biggest debtor, resumed paying its commercial bank creditors this January. Since then it has paid out more than \$1.6 billion from its reserves to meet interest payments.

In addition, it has received \$897 million refinancing from banks to cover interest.

But Brazil still has to pay about \$3.5 billion interest outstanding for the period February-September 1987.

The central bank report said the country had a trade surplus in 1987 of \$11.2 billion but ended the year with an overall payments deficit of \$1.8 billion.

The bank said the strong exports of \$26.2 billion had been helped by a policy of regular mini-devaluations of the cruzeiro currency against the U.S. dollar.

Peking calls for controls on credit and wages

BEIJING (AP) — The government has outlined a programme for advancing market-style economic reforms while fighting inflation, the country's most pressing economic problem.

Reform goals for 1988 include introducing competition for company management posts and encouraging city dwellers to buy their housing. So far, these measures have been introduced only experimentally on a small scale.

The programme, announced by the official Xinhua News Agency, also calls for such anti-inflation measures as tightening bank credit, limiting state investment to major infrastructure projects and limiting the too-rapid growth of workers' wages and bonuses.

Retail prices jumped 11 per cent nationwide in the first quarter of 1988, compared with a 7.3 per cent increase in 1987. The price increases, even higher in large cities, have generated widespread public grumbling.

The programme was drawn up by the state commission for restructuring the economy, the body that drew up the blueprints for China's already well-advanced transformation from a centrally planned economy to one partially directed by market forces.

The commission, headed by the strongly reformist Zhao Ziyang until he took over as head of the Communist Party last year, now is led by the new premier, Li Peng.

The plan bears Li's stamp in its emphasis on fighting inflation and lack of any fresh reform ideas. Li lacks Zhao's reputation as an innovator and is believed to favour stability over rapid change.

Xinhua did not carry any comment from Li on the plan.

Americans smoke less, export more cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cigarette smoking by Americans is at a 16-year low, but the Agriculture Department says exports are expected to rise again to another record level in 1988.

A big increase in 1987 cigarette exports was mostly due to lower tariffs in Japan and Taiwan, the report said. Overall, the declared value of U.S. cigarette exports climbed about 57 per cent last year to \$2.05 billion.

The department's Economic Research Service says U.S. consumption of cigarettes declined to an estimated 575 billion "pieces" (cigarettes) in 1987, down 1.5 per cent from 583.8 billion in 1986.

Department records show last year's use was the smallest since 554.4 billion pieces were consumed in 1972, a record at that time and a period when there was a general upward trend in use.

Since 1981, when total U.S. consumption rose to a record of 640 billion pieces, cigarette use by Americans declined more than 10 per cent through last year.

Exports in 1987 were also record high at \$2.6 billion pieces before easing back in most subsequent years.

But exports recently have helped soften the blow for the U.S. tobacco industry, rising to a record 100.2 billion cigarettes in 1987, a 56 per cent jump from 64.3 billion in 1986.

"In 1988, domestic consumption is expected to decline further as some states raise taxes, and smoking restrictions increase," the report said. "Cigarette exports are expected to rise further this year because of tariff reductions in some Far East countries and the weaker dollar."

Although Asian countries took about two-thirds of the U.S. cigarette shipments, the Bureau of Census records show 105 countries as 1987 destinations.

Higher rents

Housing reform, intended to save the government money, calls for rents to be increased in line with actual maintenance costs and for tenants to be encouraged to buy their apartments and houses.

Xinhua said the reform is to be implemented nationwide within five years.

Some local governments have said they all initially give citizens subsidies to soften the blow of suddenly higher rents. Many Chinese pay as little as 5 yuan (\$1.35) per month for rent.

Under the programme issued, Xinhua also said the government will expand its reform policy of letting state-owned enterprises make their own economic decisions, but will introduce competition in filling management posts. Most managers are still appointed by the government.

The programme also says enterprises should use most of their profits to develop production and make sure workers' incomes do not grow faster than productivity.

Economists have blamed rising inflation in part on companies using their profits to give workers big bonuses, thus increasing public buying power without increasing production.

More enterprises will be allowed to issue bonds to the public, Xinhua said, enabling them to raise cash while soaking up some of the money supply.

Banks will issue fewer loans and increase their supervision of companies that borrow money, also in an effort to reduce inflation.

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A bid bond for 3 per cent of total amount as a bank guarantee or endorsement cheque is to be submitted with the offer, otherwise it will be rejected.

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British bond watchdog shuts up shop

LONDON (R) — After 120 years of chasing foreign governments that did not repay their bonds, a small British investors' watchdog group said Thursday its services were no longer needed.

Throughout its existence, the Corporation of Foreign Bondholders has succeeded in getting governments to pay more than £1 billion (\$1.9 billion at current rates) owed to buyers of IOUs issued to secure borrowings.

It has won agreements to repay holders of Tsarist bonds to Nicaraguan 1886 railway mortgage bonds, Austro-Hungarian 1876 gold notes and Ecuador 1908 Salt bonds to pre-1949 Chinese borrowings.

The bonds — usually elaborate, multi-coloured printing jobs often decorated with engravings

of mythological figures or the railways they sometimes financed — were often worth more as collectors items than the governments involved would repay.

But now, there are few outstanding unpaid bonds left — just the \$7 million on which Mississippi defaulted in 1841 and the \$800,000 (\$1.5 million) borrowed by the city of Dresden and the Free State of Saxony in 1927.

"The council are of the opinion that these defaults alone... do not justify the continued existence of the corporation," the group said in its annual report. It has asked the British government to approve its liquidation.

Although the Third World debt crisis remains as grave as ever, the \$1,000 billion owed involves

"We like to see the prices today immediately restored to \$18 and we will work out a mechanism so that prices will not fall in the future," he said.

"Then in June during the ordinary meeting of the OPEC we have to formulate (a strategy) for the gradual increase of oil prices," Ardebili said.

OPEC's reference price of \$18 a barrel "is the minimum that we can achieve immediately, which we almost (have) and later we have to gradually increase this price," he said.

few bonds — and countries are making payments on those.

Bankers and governments take the repayment promises contained in a bond even more seriously than those contained in a standard bank loan agreement.

In Britain, the Bank of England's concern over the unwillingness of the Soviet Union and China to pay off bonds issued by pre-revolutionary governments had long kept those countries from issuing bonds in Britain.

Bond market and banking sources say that was a big reason why, over the past two years, both countries agreed to settle with holders of those bonds.

Chinese agencies have since borrowed through British bond issues.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, buoyed by his New York primary victory, charted a cautious course for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, telling backers: "Steady as she goes."

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Meanwhile, some Jackson backers were beginning to float the idea of Jackson as a possible running mate if Dukakis wins the nomination. "There would be lots of enthusiasm for that tick-

"I am the alternative in the Democratic Party."

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Botha also suggested that the cabinet might be opened to people not serving in Parliament. That would clear the way for participation by blacks, who are excluded from parliament.

President Roh Tae-Woo ordered a major crackdown Thursday on election violence after warning he would not tolerate unrest. Dozens of people have

said Thursday the 1988 Olympics in Seoul will inevitably force North Korea to change its hard-line policy and reopen a dialogue with South Korea.

The ministry report said AIDS among drug addicts was becoming a major national problem. Officials say 50 to 70 foreign and Thai prison inmates have been found to be infected with the virus.

ROME (AP) — Iona "Ciccolina" Staller, the hardcore porno star and Italian parliamentarian, said Wednesday she got a clean bill of health from an AIDS test. Staller said she took the AIDS test at a Rome clinic last week following the recent death of American porno actor John Holmes, her partner in a movie shot in Italy last year. She denied reports that Holmes died of AIDS. "Though I knew Holmes had died of colon cancer, I took the test to show that I am not afraid of AIDS," said the 36-year-old Staller. "I'm perfectly healthy," she said. Staller said she also took the test because it was required for her frequent foreign travels.

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — A modern dance performance at a university campus was cancelled Thursday because the dancer planned to perform topless to a recording of a speech by President P.W. Botha, the South African Press Association reported. The Independent News Agency quoted an unidentified spokesman at Rand Afrikaans University in Johannesburg as saying school officials blocked the performance by Jeanette Ginslov because it would have been in bad taste.

EDINBURGH (AP) — A bundle of 800 papers containing information about the United States nuclear submarine fleet at the Holy Loch Naval Base was found on a nearby beach. The Scotsman newspaper said Friday that the discovery appeared to represent a major security breach. But U.S. authorities played down the importance of the papers. The Scotsman said the sodden bundle of papers in a black plastic bag was picked up by a woman collecting shells at Helensburgh, 11 kilometres from the base. It said the papers contained details of the running costs and maintenance programme of the 10 submarines operating from the base. Holy Loch is the United States' largest foreign submarine base. The submarines there are armed with Poseidon and Trident nuclear missiles. The U.S. Navy, in a statement issued from the base, said it was unconcerned about the loss of the papers, which it said were of no strategic interest. The statement gave no explanation about how the papers turned up on the beach.

PESCARA, Italy (AP) — Police said Thursday there was nothing particularly unusual in uncovering a brothel in Pescara, except when they found the "madam" — she was 94 years old. The woman, identified as Maria Enrica Sparvieri, was arrested Wednesday on charges of procuring and released on her own recognisance. A police spokesman in this Adriatic coastal city said the bordello employed about half a dozen young housewives and students who charged from 100,000 lire (150,000 (\$80 to 120) per rendezvous. "She's very sprightly, she had to be to run such a business," said the policeman, who asked that his name not be used.

TORONTO (R) — A construction worker's discovery of an ancient whalebone, believed to be 11,000 years old, could rewrite some important chapters in North American history, museum officials say. The bone, more than one foot high, was discovered this week by a backhoe operator in a murky pit during excavation work in downtown Toronto. Officials at the Royal Ontario Museum say the bone may indicate the area was once covered by the Champlain Sea, an ocean that formed over much of eastern Canada and the United States after the last Ice Age some 10,000 to 12,000 years ago. Seymour said he knows of no other significant evidence of marine life from that period in the vicinity of Toronto in southern Ontario. "We have to be very careful because we could rewrite history but if it's authentic, it's a very significant find," Kevin Seymour, a paleontologist in the museum's bone section, said last week. Seymour said further tests, including a carbon dating to verify the age of the bone, will be needed to determine for certain what and how old it is and how it got there.

timetres was cut from the shroud and then cut further into three samples for the laboratories, the Vatican announcement said. The size of the individual samples was

was left by a supernatural burst of energy accompanying Christ's resurrection while sceptics claim it was painted during the Middle Ages.

Government witnesses in the five-month-old trial have testified that Lehder turned Norman's Cay into an armed camp, kicked other residents off the island and boasted of plans to create his own

In later developments, police said Friday they found the bodies of two black men, believed targeted to death in eastern Cape

name-backed Hun Sen regime and the three rebel groups that oppose it, then among the Kampuchean factions and other concerned countries such as Vietnam and Indonesia.

the Kampuchean problem (through these means) by 1990, then we (Vietnam) will solve the problem unilaterally and we will withdraw our troops unilaterally," Tran said.

adds Sergeant Reggie Maeweather, pointing to the graffiti.

aggressive, we can prevent the murders from happening."

interrogate would perceive it as police harassment or oppression."

group having a party on the street who fled when they spotted Morin and his partner on patrol. Chased into the backyard for search and interrogation, the two youths were alleged to have assaulted Morin.

work," he says. Indeed, paperwork that night keeps CRASH officers at the station.

Elsewhere in the city, it is gang business as usual. That night, two people are killed and nine wounded in gang-related violence.

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